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1. IN CAO/SOMERTO DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING GENERAL U.S. ITINERARY SUGGESTED: WASHDC THREE DAYS, NEW ORLEANS AREA TWO, GRAND CANYON ONE, LOS ANGELES TWO (DESIRES VISIT DOUGLAS PLANT AT FINNAIR REQUEST), SAN FRANCISCO AREA SIX (INCLUDING REST, VISITS TO YOSEMITE AND INDUSTRIAL SITES), MIDDLE AMERICA TWO (ONE LOCATION), DETROIT ONE (FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY), CLEVELAND AREA ONE (FOR MEDIUM SIZE INDUSTRY), BOSTON AREA TWO AND NEW YORK FOUR DAYS. THIS ROUGH OUTLINE OF 24 DAYS COMBINED WITH ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING IN D.C., WEEKENDS AND TRAVEL TIME WILL PROBABLY TOTAL FULL 30 DAYS.

2. SOMERTO INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A) BRIEFINGS ON US HISTORY AND BICENTENNIAL,

B) KEENLY INTERESTED PROFESSIONALLY IN SOCIAL POLICY IN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY AS IT APPLIES TO THE WORKING FORCE; SPECIFICALLY WISHES FIND OUT MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT SICKNESS INSURANCE, PENSION BENEFITS, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, VACATION PERIOD SYSTEMS, FRINGE BENEFITS, ETC.

3. INTERESTED IN U.S. GOVERNMENT ROLE IN LABOR, E.G. HOW U.S. GOVERNMENT TABULATES, ANALYZES AND REPORTS ON U.S. LABOR PICTURE, AND HOW U.S. RETRAINS WORKERS FOR NEW
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INDUSTRIES.

4. SOMERTO MOST INTERESTED IN TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS IN AMERICA BOTH ON WORKER AND MANAGEMENT SIDE. WOULD LIKE BRIEFINGS AND OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE TRAINING OF WORKERS, SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS AND TOP EXECUTIVES.

5. LABOR AS SEPARATE FIELD OF STUDY DOES NOT EXIST IN FINNISH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. THEREFORE, SOMERTO MOST INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH LABOR PROFESSORS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER TO DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING HOW LABOR IS STUDIES IN U.S.S. UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.
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